GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Aadhaar Card for Mid Day Meal Scheme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to transfer money to the beneficiaries of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) instead of serving them a wholesome meal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether MDMS incentivises attendance in schools and if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government is considering revisiting its concept of Aadhaar Cards for school children for the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has issued any order/notification relating to linking of Aadhaar Card to MDMS and if so, the details thereof including the steps taken by the Government to comply with the said order?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) : No, Madam.

(b): The objectives of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme are to improve the nutritional status of eligible children as well as encouraging poor children, belonging to disadvantaged sections to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities.

(c) : The use of Aadhaar as identity document in MDMS is recently introduced. It would bring in transparency and efficiency for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies, simplify the Government delivery processes and enable beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly to them in a convenient and seamless manner. The Aadhaar also obviates the need for producing multiple documents to prove one's identity.

(d) : The information is being collected.